

Tompkins County Council of Governments  
Comments submitted to the Department of Environmental Conservation on the  
draft Supplemental General Environmental Impact Statement (dSGEIS)  
(High-Volume Hydraulic Fracturing)

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**Deadline to submit comments to the DEC is Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. Comments being included in the TCCOG packet to the DEC must be received by 5 p.m. on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. Comments can be delivered to the Legislature Office (320 N. Tioga Street, Ithaca) or by e-mail: [TCCOG@tompkins-co.org](mailto:TCCOG@tompkins-co.org)**

The SGEIS needs to be based on the most recent science, and the most recent estimates of the size of the resource. The current draft of the SGEIS does neither. Because hydrofracturing is still a relatively new technology, and because many of the fracking chemicals are still unknown, more research is needed into the environmental costs of fracking and horizontal drilling. Those costs can then be weighed against any possible benefit, taking into account the most recent USGS estimate of the size of the resource.

I understand that my comments will be submitted to the Department of Environmental Conservation as an official public comment in response to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's draft Supplemental General Environmental Impact Statement regulating the use of hydrofracturing in the natural gas drilling process.

Signature Melissa Blake  
(Please use back or additional sheets if necessary)